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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7, 11, 15, 18, 23, and 26 as follows:

Please cancel claim 26.

(Once Amended) A device for protecti[on]ng a circuit against voltage surges, comprising:

a MOS transistor of a first type directly connected to first and second supply terminals by its source and its drain, respectively;

a MOS transistor of a second type directly connected between the second supply terminal and the gate of the transistor of the first type by its source and its drain, respectively;
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